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## Clybourn Street Lift Bridge over the Milwaukee River To be Rehabilitated

The rehabilitation of the Clybourn Street Lift Bridge over the Milwaukee River will commence on Monday, July 26, 2010 following rush hour traffic. The bridge will be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic while remaining open to river navigational traffic at all times. Access to adjacent parking structures, river walk, docks and businesses will be maintained. The project is expected to be completed in June 2011.

The movable bridge was built in 1968. Due to the harsh river environment and continued deterioration of steel decking and support components, the City of Milwaukee completed emergency repairs work in 2009 and imposed weight and traffic restrictions. The engineering and plans for the rehabilitation of the Clybourn Street Bridge were accelerated and the City has awarded a construction contract to Zeinth Tech Inc., for the project. The construction contract amount was \$3,956,749 and will be funded 100% by the City of Milwaukee.

The rehabilitation work will include replacement of structural steel components, decking, walkways and railings; replacement of mechanical lifting components (weights, cables, hydraulic lines, etc); upgrade of operating systems; repairs of concrete piers; sandblasting and painting, and associated approach work and street paving.

The rehabilitated Clybourn Street Lift Bridge will continue to provide many years of reliable service to both river, vehicular and pedestrian traffic.